

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 85, 87, 89, 91 to 93, 95 and 97 to 104 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please add new Claims 105 to 108 and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 79. (Canceled)

80. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus, ~~in an image transmission system, said apparatus~~ comprising:

a reception unit, adapted to receive, from an external terminal, an image transmission request and an image quality request for setting a quality of an image designated by the image transmission request;

~~a memory, adapted to store a charge table of fees corresponding to image qualities;~~

a processing unit, adapted to process ~~an~~ the image designated by the image transmission request in accordance with the image quality set by the image quality request; and

a transmission unit, adapted to transmit the processed image to the external terminal; and

a charging deriving unit, adapted to ~~determine~~ derive a charge for the transmitted image based on the image quality set by the image quality request and the charge table.

81. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 80, further comprising a storage unit, adapted to store a table of fees corresponding to image quality respectively, wherein the ~~charge~~ table provides a rate per unit time for each image quality.

82. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 81, wherein said charging deriving unit comprises a processor adapted to ~~calculate~~ derive a charge by processing a predetermined calculation based on a rate per unit time.

83. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 80, further comprising[[:]] a measurement unit, adapted to measure a transmission time of ~~a requested~~ the image designated by the image transmission request.

84. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 80, further comprising[[:]] a storage unit, adapted to store an amount of charge for each user who transmits an image transmission request.

85. (Canceled)

86. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 81, wherein ~~each~~ the image quality is at least one of a resolution, a number of pixels, a saturation level, or a lightness level of an image.

87. (Canceled)

88. (Currently Amended) An image transmission method, ~~in an image transmission system, said method~~ comprising the steps of:

receiving, from an external terminal, an image transmission request and an image quality request for setting a quality of an image designated by the image transmission request;

processing an the image designated by the image transmission request in

accordance with the image quality set by the image quality request; and  
transmitting the processed image to the external terminal; and  
determining deriving a charge for the transmitted image based on the image  
quality set by the image quality request and a predetermined charge table.

89. (Canceled)

90. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 88, wherein said  
determining deriving step includes calculating a rate per unit time and an image  
transmission time of the image designated by the image transmission request.

91. to 93. (Canceled)

94. (Currently Amended) A computer program stored on a computer-  
readable medium for implementing an image transmission method in an image  
transmission system, said program comprising:

code for a reception step of receiving from an external terminal, an image  
transmission request and an image quality request for setting a quality of an image  
designated by the image transmission request;

code for a processing step of processing an the image designated by the  
image transmission request in accordance with the image quality set by the image quality  
request; and

code for a transmitting step of transmitting the processed image to the  
external terminal; and

code for a determination deriving step of determining deriving a charge for

the transmitted image based on the image quality request ~~and a predetermined charge table.~~

95. (Canceled)

96. (Currently Amended) A program according to claim 94, wherein the ~~determination~~ deriving step includes calculating a rate per unit time and an image transmission time of the image designated by the image transmission request.

97. to 104. (Canceled)

105. (New) A method according to Claim 88, further comprising a storage step of storing an amount of charge for each user who transmits an image transmission request.

106. (New) A method according to Claim 88, wherein the image quality is at least one of a resolution, a number of pixels, a saturation level, or a lightness level of an image.

107. (New) A program according to Claim 94, further comprising a storage step of storing an amount of charge for each user who transmits an image transmission request.

108. (New) A program according to Claim 94, wherein the image quality is at least one of a resolution, a number of pixels, a saturation level, or a lightness level of an image.